Air Navigation functions

319. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to separate air navigation functions from overall airport management as recommended by Naresh Chandra panel and Roy Paul Committee earlier;

(b) whether airport operators in most of the countries do not manage air traffic functions;

(c) whether Government has engaged a Consultancy firm KPMG to do a feasibility study on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The matter is under examination by an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG).

(b) As per available information, only 30 countries across the world have separate ANS function, independent of the airport operator.

(c) and (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) engaged the services of M/s. KPMG to undertake a study/ analysis of options for corporatization of Air Navigation Services. They have since submitted a report to the Airports Authority of India.

New runway at IGI Airport

320. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased

to state:

(a) whether landing at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport is likely to become quicker and smoother with introduction of its third 4.4 Km. new runway;

(b) if so, whether commercial operations on new runway have started;

(c) what is the likely increase in flight movement from present 35 to 40 landing and taking off at IGI Airport indicating by when promised 60 flights movements per hour will be possible; and

(d) by when IGI Airport comes close to being a world class Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The new runway has been operationalised with effect from 25.09.2008.

(c) At present the demand is for about a maximum of 42 movements per hour. However, IGI Airport, New Delhi is capable of handling over 60 movements per hour.

(d) After commissioning of the new Integrated Terminal Building and other related infrastructure in Year 2010, IGI Airport will be at par with the world's leading airports.

New policy for airport development

321. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a new policy to facilitate hurdle-free development of new airports in future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of new airports that are proposed to be developed hassle-free under the new rules in Orissa and Jharkhand States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) A New Greenfield Airport Policy has been pronounced by the Government in April, 2008. Its salient features are:

(i) An inter-Ministerial Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation would coordinate and monitor various clearances required for the greenfield airport projects.

(ii) Terms and conditions of all the concerned agencies like DGCA, Security, Defence etc. would be prescribed up-front.

(iii) If the proposal is to set up a new airport within an aerial distance of 150 kms. from an existing airport, it would be considered by a Steering Committee and thereafter by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(iv) All reserved activities to be performed at the airport by central agencies like immigration, customs etc. would be on cost recovery basis.

(c) No proposal has been received for setting up of greenfield airports in the States of Orissa and Jharkhand.

Determination of air fare

322. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority who decides the air fare on each of air-routes;

(b) whether his Ministry has any role to see the rationalization of rates of air fare;

(c) the reasons for abnormal charges by JET Airways on Delhi-Amritsar route in Economy class; and

(d) the reasons for Indian Airlines to have only one flight on this route whereas JET Airways is having two flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air fares are not being regulated by the Government. Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.